Jeremiah 31: 31-34, Hebrews 5: 7-9 John 12: 20-33

FOCUS: We must die to self to bear much fruit.

In the first reading today, the Prophet Jeremiah announces to the Jewish people that God will establish a new covenant with them, and it will be written in their hearts rather than on stone tablets. In the past they were unfaithful to the covenant God made with Moses. In the new covenant, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and asking for a dying to self and a return to God in faithfulness. God is requesting an obedience which comes from the depth of one's heart. "I will be their God and they shall be my people."

Obedience which comes from the heart is highlighted in today's reading from the Letter to the Hebrew's. The author describes Jesus as a mediator of the new covenant. The obedience of Jesus to the Father's will has made him the source of our salvation for all who in turn obey him.. Because of Jesus' prayer for us and his suffering and death, we are saved and can now see death as a transformation into eternal life.

The general meaning of the parable of the grain of wheat fallen to the earth is clear. Jesus is the grain of wheat. By His death He becomes the abundant harvest from which all humanity can receive the fruit of life—a share in the glorification of Christ. To be where Jesus is, his followers must show a determination similar to his own, even to the point of giving their lives. All must detach themselves from their lives in the world in order to preserve them for eternal life.

God the Father sent his Son into the world. Jesus conformed himself to his Father's will, showing to what point obedience must go. By dying on the cross, Jesus has defeated the evil one whose goal is to prevent human beings from living in harmony with God, themselves, and each other.

Jesus is the grain of what fallen into the earth. He has risen, like a field laden with ripe grain. Lifted up on the cross, Jesus is the sign and source of salvation for all those who look to him with faith, and follow him into eternal life." ... unless the grain of wheat falls to earth and dies, it remains just a grain of what. But if it dies, it will bear much fruit." This Lent, may we die to self and ask God to create a new heart in us so that we, too, may bear much fruit.

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THURSDAY, 10 APRIL, 7 PM, MCCW PROGRAM: "RAISING CATHOLIC KIDS"

Deacon Tony Ferraiuolo will give us a talk about Catholic children. He is married with 2 grown children and a grandson and has served as a deacon in the Archdiocese of New York since 1986. He will be speaking from the heart, as both a member of the clergy and a parent. For anyone who can attend early, Father Vince will hear confessions from 6:30 to 7 PM. We will also say the Rosary at 6:45 PM. Mass will start at 7 PM with the program, food, and fellowship to follow.

To think of Lent only as a time of penance is to do it an injustice. While the traditional practice of "doing something" for Lent is praiseworthy, there is much more to this wonderful season than just additional practices of piety or acts of penance and mortification. In Lent the Church calls us to *metanoia*. *METANOIA* connotes a change of mind and heart, altering one's mind-set toward whole new ways of thinking and acting. This involves taking a look at where we are and trying to see where we ought to be. It involves testing our values and discerning how they stack up against the values that Jesus offers his followers. Fortunately, *metanoia* is not something we have to do all by ourselves. God's word gives us a lot of help in the process, as does the example of our brothers and sisters in the Lord who are engaged, during these weeks, in the same exercise.

A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend is like Spring-time. The weekend is a breath of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is - CALL NOW! The next Weekend is April 25 - 27, at the Comfort Inn, Nanuet, NY. For more information, call Tom and Mary Julich at 446-1071. For registration information, call: 845-635-8566

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK OF April 6, 2003

Mon – Isaiah 65: 17-21, John 4: 43-54 Tue – Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12, John 5: 1-16 Wed – Isaiah 49: 8-15, John 5: 17-30 Saint Francis of Paola

Thurs- Exodus 32: 7-14, John 5: 31-47

Fri – Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22, John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saint Isidore

Sat – Jeremiah 11: 18-20, John 7: 40-53

Saint Vincent Ferrer

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sat 5 Apr 1715 Parishioners of MHT Sun 6 Apr 0900 Parishioners of MHT

Sun 6 Apr 1100 Peter Graff

Mon 7 Apr 1205 Tue 8 Apr 1205

Wed 9 Åpr 1205 Tom Jolliffe Thurs 10 Apr 1205 Duane Mullinix Fri 11 Apr 1205 Les Hagara

Attendance and Offering Last Weekend:

Attendance 665 Offering \$1,757.05

The Next Designated Offering: May 3-4 will be for "Military Archdiocese"

HOST FAMILY FOR Apr 12-13

1715 Naessens0900 Vollmer1100 Wigger

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Apr 12-13

1715 E. Naessens, K. Tollefson, Cadet

0900 D. Knellinger, B. Moretti, Cadet

1100 L. Wigger, M. Vetter, D. McGurk, J. Moore, Cadet, Cadet, Cadet

USHERS FOR Apr 12-13

1715 Mark Leszczynski

0900 Brad Beauvais

1100 Aalicia & Karina Wigger

ALTAR SERVERS Apr 12-13

1715 Cory Trainor, Dany Trainor, Steven Rutkowski

0900 Cadet Joseph Tomasello, Cadet Rugarber

1100 Jennifer Barrow, Wesley Carter, Alicia Wigger

PROCLAIMERS FOR Apr 12-13

1715 Hai Eastman / Eric Verzola / Pat Finnegan / Dan Ragsdale
 0900 Patrick Murphy / Joseph Gresenz / Scott & Susan Lathrop
 1100 Matt Vetter / Janice Tapay / Bob Smith / Dan O' Brien

I have a question. Whom do I call? Pastoral Coordinator...Kate Hayden 938-

Chaplain's Assistant... SGT M. Ong 938-721

Parish registration, Calendars, Bulletin, Maintenance, Room Scheduling, Purchase Orders, Mass Cards, Fund Requests.

<u>Director Rel-Ed</u>... Kay Heppes... 938-8761 Faith Formation, Rel. Education of Children & Adults, RCIA.

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Wedding information, scheduling, paperwork,
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<u>Director of Music</u>.... Meredith Baker...938-3544 Adult, Children's and Cadet Choir, Wedding Music, Liturgical Music.

<u>Pastor</u>.... Fr. Vince Burns...938-3721 Reconciliation, Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Pastoral and Sacramental Concerns.

RECONCILIATION, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION:

BAPTISMAL CLASS

APRIL 24, 2003 @ 1900, MHT Parish Rectory, POC Father Burns @ 938-8760

Easter Lilly Sale:

Main Street Florist is offering to provide beautiful flowers for our chapel. You are invited to purchase a *Lilly* in memory of a loved one and have it delivered to MHT for Easter. Please call Lisa at 446-4749 for information and cost.

UNITED CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

UCF (United Catholic Fellowship) is having a Palm Sunday Retreat at Maryknoll (Ossining, NY) from 11-13 April 2003. It is open to all cadets & staff/faculty. Please contact CPT(P) Eric Verzola.

938-7737 or e-mail at pe0843@usma.edu or CDT Pat Sullivan at e-mail: x35768@usma.edu or 515-3821 ASAP. Deadline for sign up is 26 March.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

GOD'S TYM (Total Youth Ministries)
POC Tanva Tolentino @ 424-3609

God's TYM - Sunday, April 6 - 7-9 pm, Sacred Heart School Gym. Practicing for the "Living Stations of the Cross."

Sacred Heart School Craft Fair

Sat, April 5th and Sun, April 6th
(Sat 10-4, Sun 12:30-4)
Sacred Heart School, Highland Falls
Admission is \$2.00 per person;
kids 12 and under are free!
Admission includes prize drawing ticket!
Gourmet breakfast and lunch items available!
40+ crafters! Several home businesses represented! Raffle prizes! If any additional information is required, please contact Lori May at sl7974@usma.army.mil

RCIA

MHT Catholic Chapel needs folks who will work with us in welcoming people into our Catholic Church. We have the funds to send you to a week long training session sponsored by the North American Forum on the Catechumenate.

One of the most important missions of any parish is to welcome people into our Church and to share our Faith with them.. The responsibility belongs to all of us, but specifically we need some parishioners to work with us on the **Rite of Christian Initiation** Team. No experience necessary, just a willingness to share faith with someone who is interested in our Catholic Faith. Please contact Father Vince or Kay Heppes for more information.

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Join us on the Fridays during Lent for Stations at 1800 and Soup & Bread Supper at 1830.

If you can bring soup or bread to share, we would be appreciative.

<u>Volunteers Needed For Local</u> <u>Health Center</u>

A volunteer health center to provide primary care for uninsured and underserved citizens of Highland Falls and Fort Montgomery is opening in the next few months. You do not need medical skills to help-just a love of mercy. Please contact Dr. Vic McGlaughlin at 938-6891 or on exchange mail for more information about how you can be involved to address a need in our community.

Important Dates for your Calendar:

7 Mar-11 Apr

Stations of the Cross/Soup Suppers: (Friday's)

8 Apr Parish Reconciliation, 1900 MHT

13 Apr Palm Sunday17 Apr Holy Thursday

18 Apr Good Friday Liturgy, 1900 MHT

19 Apr Easter Vigil, 2000 MHT

20 Apr Easter Sunday, Mass 0900 & 1100

Prayers for Michael Kwinn III.

Michael Kwinn, III, son of LTCs Brigitte and Michael Kwinn is fighting cancer. The Most Holy Trinity Parish family has secured a medal of Mary of the Miraculous Medal that was touched by Mother Teresa of the Missionaries of Charity in 1997. Michael and his family have been blessed with the medal and are wearing the two medals. We are asking members of the parish family to pray to God for Michael's healing through the intercession of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Mother Teresa whose is being considered for canonization to Sainthood. Please feel free to ask others.

Novena Prayer: O Immaculate Virgin Mary / Mother of Our Lord Jesus and our Mother, /Penetrated with the most lively confidence in your all-powerful and neverfailing intercession,/ manifested so often through the Miraculous Medal,/We your loving and trustful children implore you to obtain for us the graces and favors we ask during this novena, / if they be beneficial to our immortal souls, and the souls for whom we pray./

(Healing of Michael Kwinn III)

You know, O Mary, how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of your Son who hates iniquity. / Obtain for us then a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone so that our every thought, word and deed may tend to His greater glory. / Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial that we may

recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at length attain to that blessed abode where you are the Queen of angels and of men. Amen

Jesus, we humbly ask you to glorify in heaven and on earth, the servant of God, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who generously participated in Your sufferings, who loved Thee so much and labored for the glory of your heavenly Father and for the good of souls.

With confidence, we beseech thee to grant us, through her intercession the grace of ... (Healing of Michael Kwinn III) which we ardently desire.

Pray: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen (3 times)

Format borrowed from Prayer for Intercession of Padre Pio